**JIFF 2021 PRESS RELEASE – ENGLISH**

**First list of nominated films in 11 categories for JIFF is out

Online edition of JIFF is going to take place on 15th to 19th January 2021

27 Jury Members from 15 countries selected 161 films from 38 countries out of 1484 films from 80 countries**

Jaipur: Corona has widely impacted entire world. Jaipur international Film Festival- JIFF is not an exception. Despite all the barriers and challenges due to Covid - JIFF organising committee has decided to organise the festival on 15th to 19th January 2021. As per the circumstances - It would be an ONLINE FESTIVAL (Festival will be organised online in case Government guidelines do not permit theatre screenings). This is continuously going 13th edition of JIFF. The festival would depend upon the situations in Jaipur and India.

Jaipur international film Festival has established its image as World’s Biggest Competitive Film Festival in the category of Fiction films.

JIFF Founder Director Hanu Roj informed that JIFF - Much awaited film Festival by CINE enthusiasts and Film Lovers all over the world; has declared the first list of selected films for JIFF 2021 competitions on Thursday (5 November 2020). This list includes 161 films from 38 countries. These films are chosen out of 1484 films from 80 countries up to the month of October.

The selection process is performed by 27 Film Makers from 15 countries.

Last year up to this time - 219 films out of 2161 films from 95 countries were selected. Due to Covid Pandemic - 25% less films are submitted. Along with that, the growth has also been impacted.

JIFF spokes Person Rajendra Bora informed that out of selected films under 11 categories include 25 Feature Fiction Films | 11 Documentaries Feature Films | 65 Short Fiction Films | 22 Short Documentary Films | 13 Short Animation Films | 14 Mobile Films | 3 Web Series | 2 Ad Film | 1 Songs and 4 Dialogues including 13 Student Films.

Films from various countries like Qatar, Norway, Mexico, Croatia, America | Germany | Austria | Spain | Chile | Italy |Canada | Korea | Vietnam | South Africa and Poland and other countries have been submitted. Unfortunately, this year the poor and underdeveloped countries have not submitted films to the Festival.

FILMS made by Prestigious Award-Winning Film Makers have been selected for the Festival.

**ANNA DIRECTED BY DEKEL BERENSON FROM UKRAINE / UK / ISRAEL / SHORT FICTION / 15**

It includes a Film ANNA by Dekel Berenson; which is about an aging single mother who is desperate for a change. This Short Fiction Film from Ukraine was nominated at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival, won the Best British Short at the 22nd BIFAs, short listed for a BAFTA and played at TIFF, AFI Fest and dozen of other Festivals.

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS & DEMONS (KIRSCHBLÜTEN & DÄMONEN) DIRECTED BY DORRIS DÖRRIE FROM GERMANY / FEATURE FICTION / 110**

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS & DEMONS by Dorris Dorrie** is a Feature Fiction Film from Germany. Dorris is one of the most important and successful Film Makers in Germany and International Art House Cinema.

**OSCAR WINNER FILM NOVEMBER 1ST DIRECTED BY CHARLIE MANTON FROM UK / SHORT FICTION / 25**

Traveling to witness the execution of her son’s murder, a mother is torn between retaliation and reconnecting with her estranged daughter.

**Few Films based on COVID** would be shown including a Documentary Feature Diagnosing Health Care from United States | Animation Short Film Sad Beauty from Netherlands | Short Fiction Film Isolation Restaurant from Australia | Mobile Short Film Nineteen from USA and Documentary Film Water Be Dammed from Canada. Indian Films - #Cafe 2022 | The Knocker | Corona Robots 2020 and Lock Down would be shown.

Two Films **From RAJASTHAN** are selected to be shown including a Documentary Short Film Udaiveer - Real Indian Army Hero by Tapesh Kumar and Short Fiction Film Suppose by Kamran Tak.

Second List of the selected FILMS would be released on 5th December 2020.

**FILM SUBMISSION IS OPEN –** [**www.jiffindia.org**](http://www.jiffindia.org)

**Note:**

**Please find the attached list of nominated films with HINDI and ENGLISH press release.**

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